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CURRICULUM VITAE

ADMISSIONS

2014: Called to the Bar (NSW)
2009: Registered practitioner of the High Court of Australia
2008: Admission to the Supreme Court of New South Wales

QUALIFICATIONS

2007: Bachelor of Laws
2007: Bachelor of Commerce (Finance and Economics)

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

Insurance, Professional Negligence, Building and Construction, Corporations and Insolvency, Commercial and Equity

KEY EXPERIENCE

Representing insurers (local and overseas), ASX companies, local and foreign companies, local governments, government corporations, directors and officers, engineers, certifiers, architects, builders, universities, mining companies, mortgage originators, town planners, product manufacturers, strata managers, law firms, accountancy firms, solicitors and attorneys in contentious and non-contentious matters.

Appearing in the NSW Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of NSW, Supreme Court of Victoria, Supreme Court of Queensland, Federal Court of Australia, District Court of NSW, Local Court of NSW and NCAT.

Recent cases include:

- Acting for insurers in the Gunns Plantations Class Action – *Giabal Pty Ltd v Gunns Plantations Ltd (in liquidation)* [2023] NSWSC 184; [2023] NSWSC 201.
- Acting for the structural engineering company in the Opal Tower litigation – *Williamson v Sydney Olympic Park Authority & Ors* [2022] NSWSC 1618.

- Acting for a national law firm in a partnership dispute – *Lewis v Estate of Juan Martinez* [2025] NSWCA 2; [2024] NSWSC 308; [2024] NSWSC 359; [2024] NSWSC 543.
- Acting for a national law firm in a third-party dispute in the Supreme Court of New South Wales – *Lee v Belmore 88 Pty Limited* [2025] NSWSC 96.
- Acting for a landowner in a large building dispute in the Supreme Court of Victoria – *Biodiversity Sub TC Pty Ltd atf Biodiversity Sub Trust v Vaughan Constructions Pty Ltd & Ors*.
- Acting for engineers in an insurance dispute in the Federal Court of Australia – *Chubb Insurance Australia Limited v WSP Structures Pty Ltd* [2024] FCAFC 123; [2023] FCA 1157; [2023] FCA 1617.
- Acting for a national accounting firm in a third-party dispute in the Supreme Court of New South Wales – *Grujoski & Ors v White & Ors*.
- Acting for the Port Authority of New South Wales in relation to a claim brought against it in the Supreme Court of New South Wales – *Metro Environmental Logistics Pty Ltd v Newcastle Port Corporation t/as Port Authority of New South Wales*.
- Acting for a Dam Operator in the Queensland Floods Class Action – *Rodriguez & Sons Pty Ltd v Queensland Bulk Water Supply Authority t/as Seqwater* [2019] NSWSC 1657; [2020] NSWSC 1498; [2020] NSWSC 1544; [2020] NSWSC 1728; [2021] NSWSC 145; [2021] NSWSC 483.
- Acting for Samsung Electronics Australia Pty Ltd in proceedings brought against it in the Federal Court of Australia.
- Acting for an insurer against an insured in an insurance dispute – *Guild Insurance Limited t/as Acerta v DH BI Pty Ltd* [2022] NSWSC 524.
- Acting for a mining company in relation to a royalty dispute – *Cromarty Resources Pty Ltd v Thalanga Copper Mines Pty Ltd* [2021] NSWCA 284; [2021] NSWSC 1017; [2021] NSWSC 640.
- Acting for a landlord in a lease dispute – *Alpha Investment Management Pty Ltd v Nationwide Mercantile Corporation Pty Ltd* [2021] NSWDC 817.
- Acting for a Local Council in proceedings arising from an aeroplane crash at Old Bar – *Arndell BHT Arndell v Old Bar Beach Festival Incorporated; Cox v Mid-Coast Council* [2020] NSWSC 1710.

- Acting for a land co-operative in a dispute in the Supreme Court of New South Wales – *Vedda v Co-ordination Co-operative Ltd* [2021] NSWSC 206.
- Acting for a solicitor being sued for alleged negligence – *Wellington v Shaddick t/as Shaddick Baker & Paul* [2021] NSWDC 51.
- Acting for members of an unincorporated association concerning water rights in a stock and domestic scheme – *Broughton v Leslie* [2019] NSWSC 827.
- Acting for a Local Council in the Walla Walla Rubbish Tip Class Action – *Weber v Greater Hume Shire Council* [2019] NSWCA 74; [2018] NSWSC 667.
- Acting for an insurer in an indemnity dispute in the New South Wales Court of Appeal – *Malamit Pty Ltd v WFI Insurance Ltd* [2017] NSWCA 162.
- Acting for a commercial crop grower in a contractual dispute with a supplier in the Supreme Court of NSW – *Marvoe Management Pty Ltd v Plantation Management Services (WA) Pty Ltd* [2017] NSWSC 1167.
- Acting for New York attorneys in proceedings in the Supreme Court of NSW relevant to a dispute over distribution of settlement funds – *Marshall v Fleming* [2017] NSWSC 1107.
- Acting for London Insurers in the Springwood Bushfires Class Action – *Johnston v Endeavour Energy; More v Endeavour Energy*.
- Acting for a strata management company in a dispute related to a sub-stratum development in North Sydney in the Supreme Court of NSW – *The Owners – SP 74602 v Eastmark Holdings & Ors* [2015] NSWSC 1981; *The Owners – Strata Plan 74602 v Eastmark Holdings Pty Ltd (in receivership)* [2016] NSWSC 558.
- Acting for property owners in a dispute involving misleading representations on the sale of a property in Dover Heights and issues of apportionment in the NSW Court of Appeal – *Williams v Pisano* (2015) 90 NSWLR 342; (2015) 299 FLR 172; [2015] NSWCA 177.
- Acting for a director in the MFS Class Action in the Federal Court of Australia (*Mercedes Holdings Pty Ltd & Ors v Waters & Ors*) and in related civil penalty proceedings brought by ASIC in the Supreme Court of Queensland (*ASIC v Managed Investments Ltd*).

- Acting for a major geotechnical engineering company involved in a large commercial dispute arising from the development of a container terminal in Port Botany in the Supreme Court of NSW - *Patrick Stevedores Operations Pty Ltd v Coffey Geosciences Pty Ltd & Ors*.
- Acting for the manufacturers of industrial ovens and dryers installed at a large factory in Western New South Wales following a catastrophic explosion in 2003 – *Bestcare Foods Ltd v Origin Energy LPG Ltd*.
- Acting for Green Standards certifier in a dispute alleging misleading and deceptive conduct in the provision of its professional services in the Federal Court of Australia – *Instyle Contract Textiles Pty Ltd v Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd*.
- Acting for a Taiwanese based product manufacturer in a multi-million dollar dispute being litigated in the Supreme Court of NSW – *Barber v Kylow & Ors*.
- Acting in a dispute against Westpac, involving financial products offered by it to investors – *Lee v Westpac Banking Corporation* [2012] NSWSC 899; *Westpac Banking Corporation v Lee* [2013] NSWCA 375.

PUBLICATIONS

- *“The first of its kind - questions of foreign law referred to New York from the Supreme Court of NSW pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding”* – published in *Australian Civil Liability* (LexisNexis) – 2013 Vol 10 No 2.
- *“The Court confirms that company officers can be affected by a declaration of a company’s contravention of the civil penalty provisions of the Corporations Act 2001”* – published in *Australian Civil Liability* (LexisNexis) - 2013 Vol 9 No 9.